

**HAMILTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF AVIATION  
JANUARY 24, 2002**

President Pylitt called the January 24, 2002 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Aviation to order.

Ms. Kim Rauch called roll and declared a quorum present of Buddy Pylitt, Larry Jacobi, Tim Tolson and Paul Spranger.

**Election of Officers:**

Tim Tolson motioned to elect Buddy Pylitt as President for 2002 and Larry Jacobi as Vice President for 2002. Paul Spranger seconded. Buddy stated it is important to rotate the President's chair and he would suggest someone else be nominated next year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Buddy stated we did not meet December 20, 2001 due to lack of a quorum. Larry motioned to approve the minutes of November 29, 2001. Tim Tolson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Buddy stated Mike Howard will not be present this evening due to another commitment.

Buddy asked Kim Rauch to register Paul Spranger to the AOPA.

Buddy stated there will be a AOPA meeting on February 5, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Adams Mark Hotel.

Buddy stated Mike Howard and he attended the Executive Session of the Hamilton County Council on January 9, 2002 to make a brief presentation regarding Terry Airport. The report was well received. There was an indication that if we asked for funds for appraisals that the county council would support the request. More information was requested by a member of the county council and they have gotten that information to that member. Brad Beaver stated the county council was unanimous in telling Mike and Buddy to move to the next step so the Board can make a recommendation.

**Sheridan Airport:**

Buddy stated the Board did receive the letter from Brian Meyers and Jeff Apple regarding the Sheridan Airport. Larry Jacobi stated he will oversee the discussions with the Sheridan Airport. Brian stated they sent a letter to the Board in September 2001 which outlined potential help Hamilton County could provide Sheridan Airport. Brian stated they are interested in having the power line buried, which needs to be done prior to crop season. Paul Spranger stated he would like to make a site visit. Larry stated

they will ask Mike Howard to draft an agreement for Sheridan Airport. Jeff Apple stated they do have some security concerns. They do not want a chain link fence along their perimeter. They are most vulnerable on the west, along Jerkwater Road. If the drainage ditch were a little deeper that would keep people from driving onto the runway. Another solution may be a guardrail put at the end of runway #27 and runway #5. Buddy asked if they have seen an increase in use since September 11th? Jeff stated no, they have actually slowed down because their customer's corporate offices have slowed down.

Paul Spranger asked if anyone has had contact with any FAA airports on notification and rulemaking for security on small and regional airports? Buddy asked Kim Rauch to verify that the Board is on the notification list for Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the FAA.

### **Terry Airport**

Buddy stated Mike Howard has spoken with Mike Androli regarding the zoning issues at Terry Airport. The next logical step is for the Board to meet with the FAA. Larry Creekbaum has spoken to Pena with the FAA and Maria with the State and they are ready to schedule a meeting, at the Board's convenience. Buddy stated the submittal deadline for the Capital Improvement Plan is March 1st. Larry stated we should respond to the CIP deadline, even if it has to be withdrawn at a later date. Buddy stated it is his understanding that submitting a CIP does not bind Hamilton County to any agreement. Larry stated until it is signed it is not a commitment until the project is bid, we make an application which is not binding. Signing the grant agreement is the first time the agreement is binding. Larry will contact the FAA and set up a meeting. February 13th is the first date of choice, February 5th is the second choice.

Brad Beaver asked where are Buddy and Larry regarding the submittal of the CIP? Buddy stated when we meet with the FAA we will have a better understanding of the process, what they are asking for, etc. Larry will have a rough draft of the CIP prepared when they meet with the FAA.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Taylor Property**

Tim asked Brad if the Taylor Property is a dead issue with the county council and commissioners? Brad stated yes. Brad will discuss the Aviation Commission's operating jurisdiction of the Taylor airstrip at the March 1, 2002 county council and commissioner's retreat.

Buddy thanked Mr. David Tudor for his leadership and insight on the Aviation Board and he will draft a letter for the Board's signature to send to Dave.

Larry Jacobi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul Spranger seconded. Motion

carried unanimously.

**Others Present:**

Brad Beaver, County Council Liaison  
Larry Creekbaum, Mid States Engineering  
Brian Meyers, Sheridan Airport  
Jeff Apple, Sheridan Airport  
Kate Lewis, Ledger  
Kim Rauch, Recording Secretary

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Bernard Pylitt, President

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